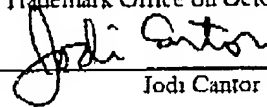


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 23, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: